



## MUSTANG RULES

1. All coaches and adult volunteers must have an approved background check on file with the league. It is the head coach's responsibility to ensure coaches and volunteers have their approved background check on file before allowing them to assist with the players. Background checks are good for the year in which approved.
2. The rules under which this league will play under the current PONY League baseball rules and regulations. All the rules listed below are local rules for the City of Archdale.
3. Bats may not be larger than 2 5/8" diameter. All 2 1/4" and 2 5/8" diameter bats must be certified with the USA Bat licensing stamp on the bat to be used. Bats stamped with the USSSA logo are not allowed. Wood bats are not allowed.



#### 4. PITCHING:

There are mandatory days of rest required depending on the number of pitches thrown:

Age Range	Daily Max Pitches	Required Rest (Pitches)				
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
7 – 8	50	1 – 20	21 – 35	36 – 50	N/A	N/A
9 – 10	75	1 – 20	21 – 35	36 – 50	51 – 65	66+
11 – 12	85	1 – 20	21 – 35	36 – 50	51 – 65	66+

--A day of rest is defined as a calendar day in which a player does not pitch at all.

For example, a 10-year-old player that reaches 51 pitches on Monday cannot pitch again until Friday.

-- No pitcher shall appear in a game as a pitcher for three consecutive days, regardless of pitch count.

--Pitchers reaching their maximum number of pitches in a day while pitching to a batter, may finish pitching to that batter before being removed.

--Coaches must keep track of pitch counts and send them in the league group chat after the conclusion of the game.

5. All participants at the present game must play at least 2 innings in the field each game and bat in the lineup. For example, if a team has 12 at the current game, then the batting lineup will have all 12 participants listed on it.
6. A game can start with 8 players to avoid a forfeit. The 9th spot in the lineup will be an automatic out when that spot in the lineup is reached. Teams can pick up a player when needed from OUR coach pitch league to fill in to avoid forfeit. Any child that is picked up must play outfield and bat last in the lineup.
7. There is no dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule. The batter is out if the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is dropped.
8. No Breaking Balls! Fastballs, changeups, and knuckle balls are all that is allowed. There will be one warning. If the pitcher continues to throw curveballs, the pitcher will be removed from the mound.
9. A pitcher can reenter the game, but not as a pitcher
10. Baserunners will be able to take a lead off the base to the marked chalk line. Runners can advance once the ball has gone past home plate, or the ball has been put in play by the batter.
11. Pitchers can attempt a pick off to each base to try and get runners out that have taken a lead.
12. Balks by the pitcher will be called. The first half of the season balks will be warnings, and the umpire will show the child what resulted in the balk call. After the first half of the season the first balk made by each pitcher there will be a warning, and the umpire will show the pitcher what they did wrong. Any balks called after the first balk for each pitcher will result in base runners advancing one base.
13. Any play at a base (except 1<sup>st</sup> base), the runner MUST slide feet first and avoid contact. The runner will be called out if he/she doesn't attempt a slide.
14. There is a run maximum of 5 runs the first 2 innings.
15. There is a 15-run rule after 3innings of play and a 10 run rule after 4 innings.
16. Another inning cannot start after 1 hour and 15 minutes. The umpire establishes game time. Home team will get the last at bat, if they are losing.
17. Regular season games can end in a tie.

18. When it rains or if there is bad weather, please call the weather hotline that is listed on their schedules or the head coach. Decisions are tried to be made by 4:00pm, but the Archdale Parks and Recreation will wait as late as possible in certain situations. The Recreation Center phone number 434-7315 and the weather hotline is 431-8130.
19. Any coach or fan that is ejected from a game by an official/umpire or a staff member will have to leave immediately and in addition be suspended for the next 2 games that team plays. The Parks and Recreation staff reserves the right to take further action to that individual for longer periods of time depending on the severity of their actions.